

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 884:

Driver's Licenses - Suspension for Child Support Arrearages - Exception

TO: Hon. Will Smith, Chair, and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Wanda D. Dale

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Out for Justice

I Wanda D. Dale support Senate Bill 884 as means of repealing the punitive practice of driver's license suspensions for lower-income obligors. I, as a single female experiencing the hardship of not having a license, have impacted the way I am able to provide for myself. I've had job offers that are a distance from public transportation, but I was not able to even get to the interview.

There was no access point beyond what was provided by the state of Maryland. I've missed out on countless lucrative opportunities to provide for myself, and my license being suspended was the direct cause. I say all this to say that, as a female who has an advanced degree, not having a valid license has adversely affected me by tying my hands to self-sufficiency. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my lived experience....

Truly,

Wanda D. Dale, M.S.